

“Let the Little Children Come to Me”

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Introduction:

A. Luke 18:15-17

B. It was a Jewish tradition to bring small children to a well-known rabbi so that he could bless them and pray for them. It was also common for parents to take their children to the synagogue, where each of the elders would take the child in his hands and pray for the life of the child. These parents are severely rebuked by the Lord's disciples. Apparently, they felt that the Master's time was too valuable to spend on small children. Jesus, in turn, rebuked them for their attitude regarding these children.

C. Children are not a curse to be endured; they are a blessing to be enjoyed.

1. Psalm 127:3; Gen. 33:5

I. TEACH THE CHILDREN

A. 573 - Can You Count the Stars?

B. We are responsible for teaching our children

C. Teach them, show them, pray for them

1. Deut. 6:1-9; Eph. 6:4; 2Tim. 3:15

D. Zacchaeus

II. ENCOURAGE THE CHILDREN

A. 602 - O For a Child-Like Heart in Me

B. We are responsible for encouraging our children - Col. 3:21; Isa. 7:16

C. Might be more accurate to call it the age of decision rather than accountability

D. The Apostles Song

III. LOVE THE CHILDREN

A. 267 - Jesus Loves Me

B. Jesus corrects His disciples - Mark 10:13-16

1. You are not too important or too busy to treat children with courtesy, respect, and affection

C. Loving children is not just a command; they deserve love because they are children - Matt. 21:14-16

1. They are living illustrations of the teachable spirit - Luke 9:46-48

D. It Isn't Any Trouble

IV. SAVE THE CHILDREN

A. 249 - Seek Ye First

B. Joshua 8:35; Neh. 8:2-3, 12:43; Eph. 6:4; Mark 9:42

C. As parents, you have no more important matter in your life than to raise your children in the Lord

1. No career, no property, no commitment to any and all institutions, except for the church and your marriage, no hobby or recreation, takes priority over the God ordained obligation to raise your children in Christ

2. You can give your child a quality education in a prestigious university, support their talent in the arts or sports to the point where they become famous, and give careful attention to their health and appearance until they become outstandingly attractive, and if you sacrificed the time you should have had them in Bible class and worship to do this, you failed them as a parent.

D. The Happier We'll Be

Conclusion:

A. Prov. 4:1-12

573 - Can You Count the Stars?

Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
And a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree
The Savior for to see.

And as the Lord came walking by,
He looked up in that tree.
And He said, "Zacchaeus, come down, (spoken)
For I'm going to your house today,
For I'm going to your house today."

Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
And a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree
The Savior for to see.

Zacchaeus climbed down from that tree,
As happy as he could be.
He said, "I'll give my money to the poor (spoken)
What a better man I will be.
What a better man I will be."

602 - O For a Child-Like Heart in Me

The Apostles Song

(Tune: "Jesus Loves Me")

Jesus called them one by one,
Peter, Andrew, James, and John.
Then came Philip, Thomas, too,
Matthew and Bartholomew.

CHORUS:

Yes, Jesus called them.

Yes, Jesus called them.
Yes, Jesus called them,
And they all followed Him.

James the son of Alphaeus,
Simon, also Thaddaeus,
The twelfth apostle Judas made,
Jesus was by him betrayed.
REPEAT CHORUS

Matthias then took Judas' place,
To preach to men of every race.
Paul three preaching trips did make,
And to Rome for Jesus' sake.
REPEAT CHORUS

267 - Jesus Loves Me

It Isn't Any Trouble

(To the tune of The Battle Hymn of the Republic)

It isn't any trouble just to S-M-I-L-E (spell)
It isn't any trouble just to S-M-I-L-E
Whenever you're in trouble
It will vanish like a bubble
If you only take the trouble just to S-M-I-L-E

It isn't any trouble just to P-R-A-Y pray
It isn't any trouble just to P-R-A-Y pray
Whenever you're in trouble
It will vanish like a bubble
If you only take the trouble just to P-R-A-Y pray

It isn't any trouble just to S-I-N-G sing
It isn't any trouble just to S-I-N-G sing
Whenever you're in trouble
It will vanish like a bubble
If you only take the trouble just to S-I-N-G sing

It isn't any trouble just to S-M-I-L-E
It isn't any trouble just to P-R-A-Y pray
Whenever you're in trouble
It will vanish like a bubble
If you only take the trouble just to S-I-N-G sing

249 - Seek Ye First

The Happier We'll Be

(Tune: "The More We Get Together")

The more we read the Bible, the Bible, the Bible
The more we read the Bible, the happier we'll be
We'll learn about Jesus and how we may please Him.
The more we read the Bible, the happier we'll be

The more we keep on singing, on singing, on singing,
The more we keep on singing, the happier we'll be.
We'll sing about Jesus the songs that will praise Him.
The more we keep on singing, the happier we'll be.

The more we help others, help others, help others,
The more we help others, the happier we'll be.
We'll help them and show them we care all about them.
The more we help others, the happier we'll be.

The more we come together, together, together,
The more we come together, the happier we'll be.
We'll worship together in truth and in spirit.
The more we come together, the happier we'll be.